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PACKED TO BE STOLEN.

Old Man Had Fixed-Up for Thieves and Had Repose Coming.

"At midnight the other night I got a dig in the ribs and woke up to hear Mary saying: 'Hush, get up at once or we shall have our throats cut.'"

"Have you discovered anyone in the room with a butcher knife?" I asked.

"No; but there's an awful racket in the back yard."

"Well, who knows who is around and what they are stealing? Get right up and let 'em know you are at home."

"My dear woman, let's look at this thing from the other point of view. No person in our back yard is up here in our bedroom. Consequently, our throats are safe. It is a well known fact that I am always home at night, and no one will figure that this night is an exception. As to the identity of the marauders, what is it to us whether they are named Smith or Jones?"

"But do you want to be robbed?" persisted my good wife.

"I do not. No man does. I hear a barrel being softly rolled over the snow. That barrel contains a dead cat and a lot of old shoes and rubbers. I headed it up this afternoon and cost me 15 cents to have it carried away. Mary took my revenge. We have saved 15 cents in cold cash, the thief has worked up a surprise party on himself, and there is yet time to indulge in our full amount of sleep and wake up in the morning and be glad we are living."—Washington Post.

GREATEST OF ALL LAWYERS.

Men of Eminence Award Palm to Benjamin Harrison.

A group of lawyers were discussing various legal questions in the lobby of the Ritz hotel at Washington. The conversation had turned upon the big men of the legal profession.

"I am of the same opinion as the clerk of one of the circuit courts of Ohio," said A. H. Petty, of Urbana. "We had been talking of various lawyers who had made national reputations, and in that particular circuit many famous men had practiced before the courts. The clerk, who had had long experience and was a man of keen observation, asked me whom I regarded as the greatest lawyer I had ever heard of. I could not then call to mind any one who, in my opinion, stood out conspicuously above a dozen big men. 'The greatest lawyer,' said the clerk, 'this ever appeared in a court in this country was Benjamin Harrison. He never made an argument in a court room that he did not instruct the man on the bench.' That was high praise, but looking at it afterwards I came to the same conclusion. He had the greatest legal mind of any lawyer in the last 30 years in my opinion, and many others with whom I have talked are of the same belief."—Washington Post.

A Cigar Store Secret.

Every tobaccoist has on his counter a machine for cutting off the ends of cigars. These machines are popular for the reason that they pay for themselves many times over every year.

The ends that smokers cut off are carefully gathered from the counter, and it takes but a few hundred of them to make a tin of good tobacco. This can be sold for 40 or 50 cents.

Some cigar store clerks are very solicitous to see that the patron does not overlook the cutting machine. They push it toward him, and he is impressed with their politeness. These clerks have for a long time been making a fortune out of this device.

Few Good Stories Written.

"Since the world began," says Julian Hawthorne, "there have been written perhaps 100 supremely great works of fiction. Assume that the first of these was the Iliad, now about 3,000 years old. One hundred good stories in 3,000 years is a very low average. Since the battle of Waterloo, then, there have been rather less than three of them. Probably we are overrating the number rather than the quality. When you consider the matter, three, supposedly, good stories in a hundred years is a very high average."

An Inference.

The study club was reading about Constantine, and had come to the circumstance of his having a thousand cooks.

"Will Mrs. Utry-Mural," said the leader of the day, "kindly tell us what she infers from this?"

"Why," replied Mrs. Utry-Mural, "it would seem that the emperor must have lived in a very remote suburb, or else he didn't possess the despotic power we have sometimes supposed."

Disgrace to the Profession.

Wareham Long—Ain't askin' for something to eat, mister—I'm tryin' to raise a little money so's I can get out of this town. I need a change of air.

Fellatio (formerly Rusty Rufus)—You do you grimy old fraud, but you need a change of shirts a thundering sight worse. Here's a dollar and a kick, to assist you in effecting both of those changes. Have the goodness to move on.

JOBS IN THE SAHARA.

Caravans Have Little Rest, According to Sailor.

"They oughter start labor unions in the Sahara desert," said the sailor. "You work 21 hours a day there. That's too long, ain't it?"

"It's the fashionable fad to winter in the Sahara, and last January, us yin' in in Philippipeville for a cargo of dates, I bought a third class ticket to Biskra, and pushed from there to Touggourt with a camel caravan."

"It was fine. The sun shone, the air was like wine, the sand was as white as salt. We seen mirages—phantom cities, with white domes and minarets, palm gardens, and girls walkin' on the flat roofs of the white houses, lookin' at you with dark, wistful eyes."

"We had a cargo of beer for the French soldiers in Touggourt, Ghadames, Ouargla, and the neighborin' towns."

"But what I wanted to speak about was the hours of the caravaneers. Their poor fellows worked 21 hours a day. One stop of three hours was all they had, and part of that time had to be spent in feedin' and groomin' the camels."

"Camels can get along, it seems, with three hours' rest a day, but men! Them caravaneers of ours had little dinks, the size of a Newfoundland dog, to ride on, and they'd lie on their stomachs across a donk's back, head smashin' down on one side, feet on the other, and in that position they could sleep hour after hour whilst the dinks trudged on in the sunshine through the white sand."

HAD THE LAUGH ON LAWYER.

Whole Court Room Joined in Joke on Conceited Advocate.

A distinguished, but conceited advocate did not long ago, after securing an unqualified statement from an octogenarian, who was bravely enduring the old thing as it had occurred ten years ago, suddenly challenged him to the time by the clock referred to.

The lawyer did not look around, as he had done so about half an hour before, when he had noticed that it was half after 11. The old man, who at the clock and replied, after a pause, "Half past 11," upon which the lawyer, knowing that it must be early 12, turned to the jury and burst into a decisive laugh, exclaiming, "That is all," and threw him off back in his seat with an air of having finally annihilated the entire case of the witness' testimony.

The distinguished practitioner, however, said himself laughing alone. Presently one of the jury chuckled, and in a little the whole court room was in a roar at the lawyer's expense. The clock had stopped at half-past 11—Exchange.

Tommy Won.

At a child's party lately one boy created quite a sensation in his efforts to outdo the others. They were playing "Button, button, who's got the button?" and presently, after a very convincing hunt, the mother of the little hostess said:

"No one seems to have the button."

Now, who had it at the beginning of the game?"

"To whom did you give it?" asked he lady.

"Tommy Jones, ma'am."

"Tommy, to whom did you give it?"

"Speak up, Tommy."

"To the lady."

"To the lady?" asked Tommy.

"Yes," said the lady, "how big was it?"

"Well," answered Tommy, "when I gave it to me it was about as big as a pea, but it feels as big as an apple, ma'am, and I'm sorry I won the game!"

Female Doctors in Germany.

Professors of medicine in Germany are not so much interested in the study of medicine as they are in the study of the female sex.

Healed or a?

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How disordered you look!" they exclaimed. "Do stop and let us fix your hair."

"Don't touch me!" returned the comical comrade. "This is the autumnal wig."

And with a rush of wind and a shower of rain he was gone leaving the gentle lady to recover from their astonishment as best they might.

Puck.

What He Wanted to Know.

"There," said the magnate when his secretary looked over that dispatch.

"Um," observed the lawyer, after reading the story. "Losses in the past six months have been about \$100,000."

READING WITH A PURPOSE.

The Bible the Best of All Books for Culture.

"Culture," said Arnold in the preface to "Literature and Dogma," is indispensable necessary, and culture is reading; but reading with a purpose to guide it, and with system. He does a good work who does anything to help this; indeed, it is the one essential service now to be rendered to education. The remark, which it is the cause or not, may stand for the type of modern university many a modern treatise on the subject. This is a book in the hands of the 100 best books now recommended by a more catholic taste, we all know of numerous pamphlets on the subject of what to read and the literary counsel given in popular periodicals for domestic consumption is beyond all question, they all tell us what to read, both classical and contemporary. It is best for us to read, to chew, or to digest in such terms of advice one may reasonably expect before opening any given treatise to find such ideas; books are out of a fellow's possession; you should not read words, read what will make you think rather than dream."

"Newspapers are a public menace and should be read swiftly, more for the sake of the important news, excessive novel reading is deleterious to the moral fiber; the Bible is the best of all books for culture. Indeed, these ideas can not too often be repeated, for we do not hear a time as much about them as we do about politics, the stock market, theater and athletics, but the specific interest in the present guides to culture lies in the variations from such worthy remarks and the fresh application of them.—Forum.

WRECK OF A FORGOTTEN SHIP.

Has Lain for Years in Harbor of Port Phillip, Australia.

A mystery of Port Phillip, Australia, has just been solved. For many years shipmasters and port authorities were perplexed by the fact that while the anchorage in Port Phillip had a good bottom, a ship could not cast anchor in a certain place without the anchor becoming fouled with something so tenacious that no amount of which power could again bring it to the surface.

Recently an experienced diver was sent down to investigate the matter, and on his return he stated that he found the remains of a clipper ship 200 feet long. He was unable to climb into her and examine the inside of the hull, because it had been turned into a sort of vast forcing frame, from which seaweed had grown to a height of 50 feet, like a gigantic submarine cornfield.

There are no records of any wreck in the history, but it is supposed that the vessel was one arriving in Port Phillip during the earlier days of gold discovery. The hull is to be torn away with dynamite, and when the growth of seaweed is removed the interior is to be examined.

Wise Judge.

A blind street musician, reports a Chinese paper, stood on the shore of a river, and howled at a crowd of who happened to come along, to assist him. The old fellow had pity on the helpless man, took him on his shoulders, gave him his money bag to hold and carried him across. When he deposited his burden on the other shore the blind man refused to return him his money bag, raised a noise and declared that the money was his property. The matter came before the judge, and each man said on oath that the money belonged to him. The judge finally ordered the bag of money emptied into a water tank, and then suddenly announced that the oil dealer was the owner. When asked for the reason for his decision, he declared that the money of the oil dealer must certainly show traces of his business, and indeed on the surface of the water traces of oil were found.

New Burbank Marvels.

It is stated that Luther Burbank has named one of his most delicious fruit creations after his old home town, the scene of his great successes in the creation of new fruits and flowers. It is the Santa Rosa plum, considered by experts in the nursery line as being one of the finest fruits of the plum kind, that has come to their notice. This plum will leave Burbank's hands this winter for the first time for introduction in the fruit growing world.

A well known Fresno nurseryman has secured the privilege of being the sole introducer of this plum. The California Fruit Grower says that the same man will this winter introduce for the first time Burbank's great timber-producing walnut tree.

When the Mississippi Froze.

Since 1870 there have been but six seasons when the Mississippi did not freeze over, those being the years 1875-76, 1882-83, 1894-95, and 1906-07. The 30 times that it did close, the ice stopped, running 30 times in December, showing that this is the month when the heavy cold usually sets in. The earliest date recorded is December 4, 1872, and the latest February 24, 1880. One season, 1895-1896, the ice froze up tight and then moved six times the variation of the temperature for the winter.

Consolation.

Sympathizing Friend—In every sorrow there is some great, some inspiring, comforting thought.

Widow (abstractedly)—Yes, black will be very becoming to my complexion.

Stamp of the Married Man.

A female witness in an East London county court declared that she could always tell if a man was married or not "by the way he wheeled a baby's mail-cart."

Can Have Too Much Patience.

"Have patience," said Uncle Eben, "but don't have so much of it that you'll wait to sit around waitin' for opportunities while somebody else does all the work."

For Young Men's Guidance.

The best rules to form a young man are, to talk little, to hear much, to reflect alone upon what has passed in company, to distrust one's own opinions, and value others that deserve it.—Sir W. Temple.

Mortgage Sale.

Whereas default having been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 27th day of October A. D. 1905, executed by Sebastian Meisner, of Detroit, Michigan, to Joseph W. Wright, of Heave Creek township, Crawford County, Michigan, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford county in Libe G. of mortgages on page 120 on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1905, at 5 o'clock A. M.

And whereas said mortgage has been duly assigned to John Root, by assignment bearing date of November 2nd, A. D. 1905, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county in Libe G. of mortgages on page 120 on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1905, at 5 o'clock A. M.

And whereas said mortgage so assigned, was assigned by said John Root, to Sylvester B. Brott, by assignment bearing date of January 31st, A. D. 1907, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county in Libe G. of mortgages on page 493, and the same is now owned by him.

And whereas the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage, at the date of this notice is two hundred and eighty-four dollars and eighty cents, principal and interest, and the full sum of thirty-five dollars as an attorney's fee, and the same is now owned by him.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage, and in pursuance of the statutes in such case made and provided, the said

premises, to-wit: the premises, a Public Auction, to the highest bidder, therefore, at the front door of the Court House, in the Village of Grayling, Michigan, (that being the place of holding the circuit court for said county) on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1907, at 10 o'clock of said day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as the south sixty (60) acres of the south half of the southeast quarter (S. 1/2 of S. E. 1/4) of section four (4), township twenty-five (25), range twelve (12), west, in Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated February 14th, 1907.

SYLVESTER B. BROTT,

Assignee of said Mortgage.

Attorney for the

Assignee of said Mortgage.

Business address, Grayling, Mich. feb1



THE FARM GARDEN

If possible it is better to keep cows in a building by themselves without storage overhead or a cellar underneath.

There are so many little details to dairying, that constant reading is necessary to keep posted. Even if you know you are liable to forget.

Ducks or muskies feed or litter in the dairy stable is liable to work trouble at times. If ducks are raised, they carry great quantities of bacteria.

An expensive plan is not always a profitable one, but this does not mean that we should never invest in what usually appears to be an inferior one.

High farming consists of attempting to raise the largest possible product on the whole farm. Good farming is to raise products at the greatest possible profit.

Stables should be as clean and simple as possible, both inside and out. There should be no lodgment for dust and no place where stagnant water can remain.

Thorough cleanliness all along the line is absolutely necessary to produce a really fine dairy article of either milk, cream, butter or cheese. Bad favors come from dirt.

The first permanent settlers of a new country are known in the West as "reder-foot." The first pioneers get into "ruts" and are pushed out to the enterprise newness. This is the history of all new countries.

It should be unnecessary to caution farmers against leaving manure in heaps in the field, especially when windy weather may prevent its spreading. It is far the safest to spread it from a wagon, using a plow or spreader.

If there is a wet patch on the farm which is so situated that it cannot be conveniently drained, willows may be planted there to advantage—not only providing shade for the farm animals in case it happens to be in the pasture, but a limited supply of summer wood. Anything that can be raised on such low places is a clear gain.

Many a person carries on his business year after year without realizing the advantage there is in advertising. If you have a few purebred chickens, lines, cattle, horses, corn or anything else produced on the farm that is in demand, you would be surprised how it would increase your market and your profits to advertise in your home paper.

On many of the lower wheat farms of the northwest wheat and gasoline traction engines have almost entirely replaced the horse in plowing, harrowing and threshing operations. Engines of the latter type because they make possible a dispensing with water and fuel wagons, are particularly adapted to conditions prevailing in the territory referred to.

The Angola goat industry in this country is assuming no mean proportions. According to the Department of Agriculture there are now about one million Angoras distributed throughout the States and territories, the largest herds being in Texas and New Mexico.

While the goat is a useful animal to land clearers, their chief value lies in the fleece, which is used in the manufacture of mohair.

A bulletin from the Department of Agriculture discusses the injurious effect of cottonseed meal when fed to hogs. According to this bulletin hogs die with a severe hemorrhagic gastroenteritis, congestion of the liver with parenchymatous degeneration, edema of the lungs, cloudy swelling of the kidneys, and sometimes a well-marked dropsical effusion of the pectoral and peritoneal cavities, and occasionally to the pericardial sac. It is little wonder that they died.

A granger taking a whirl on the board of trade stands about the same chance of winning out that the fellow who backs the wheel of fortune at the county fair, the prospect being good in either case that the one who indulges will get skinned. The first institution is maintained for the purpose of picking the lumps, the second for taking in the suckers, neither being operated for benevolent purposes. There are nine chances to one that if a fellow makes good on a corn deal he will get caught short on pork. Raising hogs for market is therefore a better proposition all around than speculating with the carcass or by-products on exchange.

Foods that Taint Milk.
The feed should be good and free from aromatic substances. If these aromatic foods are used they should be employed according to those methods which will not cause odors or flavors in the milk.

Eggs by Weight.
The time will probably come when eggs as well as poultry will be sold by weight. But the fact that in actual practice the users of eggs make their estimates by number and not by weight, makes this change less imperative than the change in the case of poultry. Still, it is hardly fair to sell a dozen Minorca or Brahma eggs weighing 30 ounces or more for the same price as an equal number of Leghorn eggs that weigh less than 24 ounces. Already the buyer will show a preference for the larger eggs.

Hard-Mouthed Horses.

Here is something of practical value to anyone driving a horse that pulls on the bit. Fasten a small ring to each side of the bridle and as near the brow-band as possible. Pass the lines through the bit rings and snap them into the rings at the brow-band. This, with a common luted bit, will enable a child to hold a puller or hard-mouthed horse with ease and under almost all circumstances. It can be used on a fast horse in double team or on a heavy horse. It is cheap and easily applied, and it won't make the mouth sore. It is better than any other bit. —Farm Press.

Wheat Train.

Writing of wheat train, J. B. Lindsay, of the Massachusetts experiment station, says: "Until within comparatively recent times, wheat, bean and corn have formed the three staple concentrated feeds for dairy stock, and in spite of the large variety of concentrates now in the market, the former still continues to be used largely by the great majority of dairymen in our Eastern States. The reasons for this are not difficult to find. A good quality of wheat is uniformly available; it can be fed in considerable quantities without producing any ill effects; it acts as a slight laxative; it furnishes more digestible protein than corn, and it is a very satisfactory digestor of the heavy concentrates, such as the gluten, cotton seed meal and flour middlings.

A Good Whitewash.

Half a bushel of lime is stirred with half a bushel of water, and the mixture is strained through a fine sieve and added to a bag of salt previously dissolved in warm water, three pounds of soda added to a thin paste of stirred white hot, half a pound of whiting and one pound of clear oil which has been dissolved by shaking in cold water and hanging over a stove fire in a small pot inside a larger one filled with water.

Three gallons of hot water are added to the mixture, which is stirred well and allowed to stand overnight for two days. This whitewash should be applied hot, for which purpose it can be kept in a kettle or portable furnace. A pint of the mixture will cover one square yard. It is much cheaper than the cheapest paint and is almost as serviceable as paint for wood, brick or stone.

Potatoes Suck and Its Cure.

Potatoes pitted with holes and roughened on the skin are afflicted with a fungus disease, known as the potato suck. These parasites deprive themselves just as the higher plants do. They can increase by division of the little plant itself, or by spores which, with them, act as seeds in higher organisms. These propagative agencies were probably on the seed potatoes. Progressive people in these days never risk any important crop without stepping the seeds to destroy insects and fungi.

Simple copious water has been found efficient, but for those who prefer to try other methods the following is recommended: Formalin will practically free seed potatoes from such germs by immersion for two hours in a solution of one part of formalin to 300 parts of water. It is equal to corrosive sublimate in efficiency and is without its dangerous and troublesome properties, being a non-poisonous non-corrosive substance.

Seed of seemingly good quality, as well as that much affected with suck, shows excellent results from the formalin treatment. The reason for this is to add about one-half pint of formalin to fifteen gallons of water and soak the potatoes in it for two hours before planting. This solution may be used several times.

Saving the Farmers' Millions.

How many of the farmers of the North Dakota agricultural college is acquainted with the farmers of the world through his patient and thorough investigations, and unique experiments in plant life it is not easy to estimate. A single one of his theories that of the formaldehyde treatment for seed has already been worth many millions of dollars to the agriculturists of the United States and the entire world. Thirteen years ago he found that this hitherto unconquerable enemy of the grain grower could be effectively prevented by bathing seed in a simple and inexpensive chemical solution made by dissolving one pound of formaldehyde in 400 parts strength, in 45 gallons of water and using three-fourths of a gallon of this solution to a bushel of wheat, oats or barley and one-half gallon to a bushel of flax.

For many years he has not persuaded a single farmer to adopt his plan. They looked upon him as a scientific dreamer, an impractical experimenter and laughed at his theories. It was in 1900 that the farmers first began to regard Prof. Bailey and his ideas seriously. Then a few of the more progressive and wealthy ones who owned large tracts of land and felt that they could afford to experiment, decided to test his prescription for wheat smut. This was the first time the treatment had been tried on an extensive scale by practical agriculturists, and the experiments proved so remarkably successful. The farmers suddenly awoke to the fact that there was much to be gained by the scientific treatment of plant diseases. —The World, Today.

NO POSTAL REVISION.

House Committee Will Not Undertake Task During This Session. There will be no radical revision of the postal laws by the present Congress. The subject, the House Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads decided, is too complicated and affects the whole population of the country in too vital a manner to be acted upon without deliberate consideration, and as a result the drastic propositions presented by the joint postal commission last week will be deferred until a thorough investigation of the entire Postoffice Department has been made.

That part of the bill drafted by the joint postal commission which provides for an expert investigation of the business of the postal service was not conducted was accepted by the committee and will be made a part of the regular postoffice appropriation measure, which is now being completed.

The accepted sections provide that a commission be created to make a complete and thorough investigation of the operation of the Postoffice Department in all its branches, with a view to determining, first, the true cost of every kind of service which that department renders; second, the proper division of the operating expenses of the whole postal service between the classes of matter which that service undertakes to handle and transport for the public and for the government; and, third, what modifications of the present system of bookkeeping and accounting, or what other system, is the present best found method, should be recommended to Congress as proper to be inaugurated by future legislation.

The features of the report of the special point commission, headed by Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, which were embodied in its proposed bill to reform the classification of second-class mail matter, and to which vigorous protests have been voiced from all parts of the country, were those providing virtually for a government press censorship. As soon as the astounding report of the postal commission, prepared with great secrecy, was given publicity, it raised a storm of disapproval throughout the country. Not only publishers, but also bookkeepers, but the public itself began to be heard from in no uncertain tones. The restriction of the liberty of the press by lowering its standard, it was shown, is something for which the country will not stand, whether it be attempted under the guise of postal reform or by more direct methods.

Important results are expected to follow the thorough investigation of the Postoffice Department, which now is practically assured, and which will be completed before the time for the convening of the next Congress in regular session. Ever since it was given even cursory attention to the subject, it is aware that there is acute demand for reform somewhere and of some kind in the postal service.

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A French engineer named De Pluy has invented a deep-sea diving armor, having a thickness varying from 2-10ths to 3-10ths of an inch. The joints and couplings are made of pressed leather and rubber, and on the top of the armor is fixed a helmet. The air is not brought to the diver from above, as usual, but is sent by a tube into a special regenerating chamber containing certain chemical products, which renew the supply of oxygen. The air is then sent to the interior of the helmet by another tube. This apparatus is contained in a pair of chambers attached to each side of the helmet and valves keep the pressure at the right amount, no matter what the depth of the diver. The diver communicates with the surface by a telephone, and wires connected with colored lamp show how the different parts are working. De Pluy, with this apparatus, has reached depths varying from 150 to 300 feet, which is far below the limit of the ordinary diver.

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Political Comment.

The Japanese Incident.

It would be easy to exaggerate the importance of the Japanese incident, but it would be foolish to dismiss it as unworthy of serious consideration, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The attention which it is receiving from the President and the Cabinet shows that the heads of our government are alive to the possible gravity of the situation. No sane person will believe this Hobson hysteria that an ultimatum has been sent by Japan to the President, and which he pretends said, "Take back our people to your public schools in California or take the consequences."

Hobson says he has seen the ultimatum, but this will serve to throw additional discredit on the yarn. Japan's easy victory over Russia has made her vain and arrogant, but she is not dumfounded enough to talk in that strain to the United States at this stage of the California dispute, or at any stage which that controversy is likely to assume.

The matter of the exclusion of Japanese children from the white schools of San Francisco is pending in the United States Court. This court will not be hurried in its decision by any menace which could come from Japan, nor would its action be affected in the faintest degree by any threat or blandishment from Tokyo.

But Washington is aroused to the fact that the situation contains possibilities of trouble. San Francisco is determined to keep the Japanese out of the white schools, and the whole State of California stands with her on this issue. Apparently, also, the entire Pacific coast is in the San Francisco mood on this issue. That position, too, is winning friends all over the country.

Any menace which would come from Japan would instantly place the entire American people in accord with the San Franciscans. Unless Japan intends to force war on the United States she will see the necessity of acting very discreetly in this matter.

Our courts are not to be hurried by any menaces from the outside. Washington is not taking orders from Tokyo or any other foreign capital. The government will be shaping the policy of the Mikado's government, and all this, it is safe to say, or if it does not, it is something for which the country will not stand, whether it be attempted under the guise of postal reform or by more direct methods.

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Dulse of the Press.

The Governor of Jamaica Isn't his Bad as the earthquake, but he seems willing to be.

Perhaps it would be fair to classify Gov. Swettenham as an international calamity.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Zion City is to be sold at auction. That ought to result in a quick sale and small prophets.—Washington Post.

One enjoyable thing about not having any money is the way you can abuse those who have.—New York Press.

Fortunately for the country, its population is increasing more rapidly than the railroads can kill it off.—New York World.

Andrew Carnegie says he would give \$200,000,000 for a 10-year lease on life, but the Old Man with the Scythe has no pockets.—New York American.

Crimson snow has been observed in the Canadian Rockies. Hunting parties out that way have a habit of painting things red.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Every Congressman will sit up nights now watching his private seismograph to see whether the next session shakes up the home district.—New York Mirror.

The assassinations which are reported in Russia with painful frequency are an evil preparation for the parliamentary elections.—New York Tribune.

As yet no patriot has risen in San Francisco to claim that he is responsible for the dismantling of the Japanese training ship bound for Honolulu.—New York World.

We must set our faces rigidly against the proposal to substitute alcohol for gasoline in automobiles. Haul enough to dodge them when they are sober.—New York Herald.

A cable dispatch referring to Mr. Bryce as a mountain climber says he first made the ascent of Mount Ararat. But North got there first by an easier route.—New York Globe.

Massachusetts still hears the pain of the gunshots. A Worcester judge holds that the shooting of a fire department horse on Sunday is not a work of necessity.—New York Sun.

Wall street will watch with respectful interest the long-range effect which begins the business day with prayer, but will demand the usual material for loans.—New York World.

James J. Hill says that while every railroad has black-slacks, no road uses them. Wholesale murder enjoys a strange immunity before the law.—Philadelphia North American.

French waiters it seems receive \$75,000,000 a year in tips. Is it any wonder, then, that when they come here they are often mistaken for the nobility.—New York Herald.

Possibly the Chinese boycott on American goods will make an exception in favor of the charitable gifts from this country for the relief of starving Armenians.—Philadelphia Record.

San Francisco thought her troubles were over when the earthquake shook her, but just the reverse of this and now she pinches on the way to the city.—Philadelphia North American.

The proposition to give each Congress a day's pay for each day that it is absent seems rather taking. It is about the only way the country could get some of its money back.—Philadelphia Post.

Prophet Spangler of Pennsylvania, says all the evils of the world will be dried up in two years. But that will not keep even Congress from passing more and more bills.—New York Mail.

Panama canal workers the President announces are to be given medals. Too bad the contractors cannot be knighted, but perhaps that will follow the institution of the order.—New York American.

Pittsburg has pronounced a sensational issue. It is now that Chicago is aware of its habit of announcing "facilities" municipal ownership and operation of the street railways.—New York Tribune.

The reports showing the rise in wages and the increased cost of living only go to prove that the great American public is bent upon attaining the highest life before much it costs.—New York Tribune.

Down in Kentucky a man served twenty-seven months in the penitentiary longer than he should have done, "as a result of an oversight of the judge." Yet what can he do about it?—New York World.

Germany's exports to the United States increased nearly \$7,000,000 in value in the calendar year 1906. That fact alone should make a "trade war" with this country an absurdity from the German as well as the American point of view.—New York Tribune.

In one of the current magazines Clara S. Ludlow, B. Sc. M. Sc., has an article on "A New American Mosquito." And just when we were trying so hard to become a trifle more hygienic.—Washington Post.

Because of the shortage in the American peanut crop it is proposed to import that national necessity of circus life from foreign shores. Talk about carrying coals to Newcastle; when goobers are carried to Virginia.—New York Tribune.

Bryan and Beveridge are to indulge in a magazine debate lasting a year. If the magazine does not explode in less time.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The interest rumor is that Chief Justice Fuller will retire from the Supreme bench and that Mr. Taft will succeed him. Then the bench will be filled with a new blood.—Washington Post.

There can be no doubt about it; the merger of the Hibernian roads was solely for the purpose of increasing the competition for the benefit of the public.—Philadelphia North American.

Bad Symptoms.

The woman who has periodical headaches, backache, sees imaginary dark spots or specks floating or dancing before her eyes, has a gnawing distress or heavy full feeling in stomach, faint spells, dragging-down feeling in lower abdominal or pelvic region, easily startled or excited, irregular or painful periods, with or without pelvic neuralgia, suffering from weakness and arrangements that should have early attention. Not all of above symptoms are likely to be present in any case at one time.

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John Burns.
Among the strong and effective men whom the new order of things has brought to the front in England is John Burns, head of the department of local government in the new British ministry. Burns visited this country just before his election, and thoroughly studied out latest social developments; but he did it discreetly and without the newspaper reporters.

He says of his own career: "My life has been an open book. It has no dirty pages. I have never bribed a voter, never given a letter of recommendation."

Latest reports from the government offices after which he presides tell of a most thoroughgoing house cleaning, of the introduction of all sorts of labor-saving devices and modern appliances for swift and accurate clerical work, seen by him in operation in this country and introduced at once as soon as he came to power, in order to expedite and lessen the cost of administrative work.

WORKS IN THE GARDEN.
Eighty-seven years old, but not a day older, Robert Scollan, 87 years old, of 55 Garden street, Seneca Falls, N. Y., a fine, sturdy old gentleman who works in his own garden, gives thanks to Dr. A. C. Kidney Pills for his sound body and limbs.

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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Following the recent sailors' strike on the Pacific coast, some disagreement between the officers of the vessels which promise to result in one of the greatest labor troubles in connection with Pacific coast shipping of recent years. This is a strike of all ship officers except the masters. The trouble hinges on the demand of the officers for overtime and an increase in salary of \$10 a month.

John D. Rockefeller presented the University of Chicago with \$3,000,000 as a New Year's gift, thus making the total of his donations to that institution \$21,410,921. Of the latest gift \$300,000 goes to make up the year's deficit and the rest to the permanent endowment. The trustees also announced that \$300,000 more had been pledged by other people. This brings the permanent endowment up to \$10,500,000.

The public schools figured out some numerical progress during 1904-5. Enrollment increased 242,000, making a total of 16,496,067. The rates of enrollment to total population advanced from 20.01 to 20.03 per cent. The average number of days attended by each pupil advanced from 102.1 to 104.2, and the average length of the school term made up more than 10 days.

The public school system cost \$3.40 per capita of the population, and \$25.12 per pupil, or 16 cents a day.

The New York School Journal publishes statistics showing the growth of the trade schools movement in this country. There are six building and mechanical trade schools in New York and Brooklyn, three in Boston, two in San Francisco and seven in Philadelphia. New York has two brewing academies, Chicago and Milwaukee one each. Philadelphia, Lowell, New Bedford and Atlanta have textile schools; Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha, Peoria, Watlain, Winona and LaPorte have watch-making and engravers' schools. The universities of Wisconsin and Minnesota and the Iowa college of engineering have schools of dairying. For dressmaking, millinery and the domestic arts and sciences, schools exist in Boston, New York, Brooklyn, St. Louis and Philadelphia. Eight cities contain schools to teach hairdressing. St. Louis has a school for tailors; telegraphers; Ellingham, Ill., has a school of photography, and New York an academy for shipbuilding.

The trustees of Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y., have accepted the proposition of William Smith of that place to found a college for women with an endowment of \$350,000. It will be known as the William Smith college for women.

The Modern Language Association at its recent New Haven Conn., meeting voted to use simplified spelling in the journals of the association and approved the campaign of the spelling board. The Wisconsin Teachers' Association has endorsed the Simplified Spelling Board and the action of President Roosevelt in furthering phonetic spelling.

One of the trustees of the Louisville university is authority for the statement that John D. Rockefeller has offered \$2,000,000 to the institution. The gift is to be contingent upon the raising of a similar sum from other sources.

Sidney Lee, editor of the National Dictionary of Biography, in an address at London, said it was a significant fact that at Harvard the spoken English of the professors of English, while at Oxford there was only one and that American, German and France were all outside England in English scholarship. The American people are becoming more accurate readers and writers.

The Note Answered.
"I have already said 'No' to you, Mr. Vero," said Miss Bitt. "I don't seem to be able to make myself plain, although I have tried."

"Ah, Miss Bitt," interrupted Percy Vero, "you cannot do that, no matter how you try."

"Well, of course, I shall always be glad to have you upon my arm, Mr. Vero," said Miss Bitt.

There is but one dentist in Madras and he is a native. The United States consul at Madras says there is a good opening there for an American dentist.

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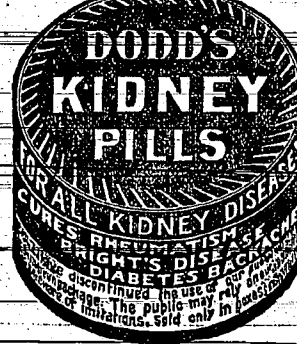
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The Senate spent the entire day Tuesday considering the Indian appropriation bill. The aply appropriation bill, carrying \$81,500,000, an increase of \$9,000,000 over the amount stated by the House, reported and will be taken up in the afternoon. The bill is expected to pass as the Indian bill is disposed of. The committee amendments include \$72,927 for barracks and quarters for 21,000 for promoting and extending the efficiency of the air force, corps, and division to extend their term of service, and to extend the provisions of the law to all and authorize them to be extended reduced rates of transportation. Senator Hayburn introduced a resolution in the afternoon directing the Secretary of the Interior to report on all lands and mining operations where the law is applied with no protest is filed. Senator Kibben returned the executive bill and Senator Crampton, a bill of a minority regarding the House provision giving the Indians the right to adopt municipal positions to promote the medical instruction. General debate on the rivers and lakes appropriation bill was terminated at the House at 3 o'clock when the reading of the bill was begun under the leadership of the majority. The bill was completed before adjournment.

employed, where no specific appropriation has been for such employment, and "whether such persons are in the classified service." Other resolutions agreed to gave the President the right to appoint a special commission and on the interest-free commission for the data submitted to it by Special Employee, Hantel. The House passed 725 private pension bills in an hour and a half, establishing a new high record. The payroll appropriation bill, carrying \$95,126,000, was taken up next.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Have Cured One of the Most Stubborn Cases of Rheumatism.

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"I tried without success to get better until a friend told me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When I began to take a few boxes I felt the growing less intense and in a month shorter time than I had hoped for I was entirely cured. I have recommended the pills to several persons who have used with good results. I have used them for the cure of the pills for nervous headaches and find them the best medicine she has ever used as they give relief where all other fail."

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The story of a strange dream-come-true from St. Louis. In that city a woman charged with the murder of her husband is saved and the real murderer discovered through a dream she had concerning the event. Her name is Mary Thornfont and she had been in jail a month when she requested the jailers to let her see the jailer. This being done she told him that

215,000.
While it is well to heed every word of caution from the leaders in commerce and finance, and to avoid all speculative ventures that lack a solid business foundation, it is clearly evident that there is no conspicuous weak spot in Canada's present era of prosperity. The Toronto Globe says: "The Dominion has in a commercial sense money, and our leading financial institutions are in a position to lend freely in the United States. The chief productive enterprises of Canada are not buoyed up by an era of dangerous speculation, but are following substantial business methods and finding safe and continuous markets for their goods. We are not bolstering up any industries by extensive export bonuses that must impoverish the people as a whole and ultimately lead to collapse through the failure of the artificial aid. There is no extreme protection in Canada such as would create great fortunes for a few at the expense of the general public and lead to disruption and catastrophe."
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A Dispatch to the New York World under date of Dover, Delaware, follows: "By a vote of twenty-six to eight the House today passed the bill presented by Representative Holcomb of Newcastle, providing that a surgical operation shall be performed on all men convicted of attempting to assault women in Delaware. It must be performed within twenty days after conviction and will be in addition to the existing imprisonment sentence of twenty years. The opponents of the measure contend that the proposed punishment is cruel. The bill now goes to the senate. The additional punishment is the most drastic ever proposed in Delaware. The plan, which has many supporters in both political parties, is an outcome of recent attempted assaults on white women throughout Delaware by negroes."

The Wall Street Journal says that E. H. Harriman is, perhaps, the most powerful individual in the United States not even excepting the president. The Journal explains: "His power is absolute over about 15,000 miles of railroad having a capitalization of about \$1,100,000,000. His authority is very large over 15,000 additional miles of road having a capitalization of \$1,200,000,000, while he has a potent voice in the management of 38,000 miles of road having a capitalization of \$1,600,000,000. This directly and indirectly his power extends over one-third of the railroad transportation interest of the United States, and of a very considerable part of this he is an autocrat and by reason of his autocratic powers over the Union Pacific, and especially his unrestricted power over its finances, his influence over the remaining portion as well as over the financial markets, is increased." This is altogether too much power for one man to possess in a republic.

Not much wonder that we do not hear a great deal of Democratic talk nowadays against Protection, or advocacy of another tariff of the Wilson-Gorman brand of "Tariff for revenue only" in theory and in point of fact not even achieving its one object. Last year the export manufacturers of this country broke all records. Our foreign trade in manufactures last year exceeded \$2,000,000,000, exactly double the figures of the last year of the Democratic Tariff. Under the present Tariff we have twice as much foreign trade as under the Tariff which the Democrats last made. The United States is now the third nation on the globe in export of manufactured products, while in domestic consumption it far exceeds any nation on the globe. In other words, the Republican policy has doubled one foreign trade, which is what the Democrats lay particular store by, and at the same time has stimulated the domestic trade which the Democrats undervalue. — Bath (Me.) Times.

Socialists Poll Mammoth Vote.

The premature rejoicings over the government's "victory" in the recent German elections, and the heretofore "defeated" of the Socialists, begin to give place to a silence which bodes ill to the persons who were so ready to shout where noise and fact were at odds.

It is true, the social Democrats have lost heavily in seats in the reichstag, but their total vote in the empire shows a gain of 1,241,000 over that of 1903, when 2,010,000 ballots were cast. Their vote in Germany heads that of all parties—3,251,000. The clericals polled 2,274,000 votes, an increase of 398,000; the national liberal 1,570,000, an increase of 245,000; the conservative 1,124,000, an increase of 317,000; and the Poles 418,000, an increase of 102,000. Every party vote was greatly augmented this year.

But the government is still helpless. It must make compromises with the clericals. Failing in this, no legislation favorable to the kaiser's plans is possible.

The government has little reason to rejoice at defeat of Socialists. Socialists have great reason to be glad of the helplessness of their political foes.

Child Labor.

Senator Beveridge certainly sprung a sensation last week in the speech that he made in behalf of his child labor bill. It was a remarkable speech and unique, in that it was accompanied by a large number of photographs which were passed around the senate chamber and discussed while the senator was talking. The aim of the bill is to enact a federal anti-child labor law. To secure this end it is proposed to prohibit the transportation of interstate commerce of the product of any factory where child labor is employed. Senator Beveridge pointed out that a number of states have excellent child labor laws, but the immense corporate interest which are fattening off the produce of child labor succeed in defeating the purpose of these laws in almost every case. If a state does enforce such a law, it is placed at a commercial disadvantage with any competitor state which either has no such law or having it does not enforce it.

The details of senator Beveridge's speech were distressing in the extreme to those who have any love for children, or regard for the future of the national physique. He cited scores of cases all supported by affidavits where in children were kept at work from nine to twelve hours a day in the cotton mills of the south, in the sweat shops of New York, the hemp factories of Paterson, N. J., and the coal mines of most of the coal producing states. He said that the cases he presented by name were not extreme cases. He cited them because they were typical of the thousands of cases all over the country. In some instances which he named, unfortunate little dwarfs, of from ten to twelve years of age were kept at work on the night shift in mines and factories and drenched with cold water when they fell asleep over their tasks. In other cases he showed factories that were surrounded by a stockade topped with barbed wire, and there as the foreman of the factory explained, to keep the children from escaping once they had been carried in to work. His picture of how the breaker boys were compelled to labor in the coal mines was almost enough to make one weep. He said of coal, and he warned the Senate that if the conditions now existing in this country were not improved we would find the physical standard of the nation declining to the point that was shown to exist in England during the Boer war when sixty per cent of the recruits were rejected because of physical disability, and where in actual conflict, 10,000 Boer farmers stood on 250,000 British enlisted men for more than a year and one-half.

Hunting for Trouble.

I've lived in California 20 years, and I've been hunting for trouble in the way out business, around the courts, sprains or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walter, of Alhambra, Sierra Co. No use hunting, Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed at L. Fournier's drug store. Price 25c.

Visit the School.

How many of our school children's parents ever visit the schools or even know the teachers when they meet them on the street? How many know what their children are studying, or how they are progressing? Is there any of you who have a building to make or a fence to build, or a dress to make, a house to paint, or whatever the job may be, that say to the one you have employed: "Here are the tools and material, go ahead and do it to suit yourself and it will suit me." Is not that what many of you are doing with your children? You say by your actions: "Here is my child, with his books, paper and pencil, I've furnished material and tools, educate him as you like." Now we hear some one say: "The teacher knows better what they ought to study than I do." While that may be in part true, the carpenter or a dressmaker, or a painter, knows better how to do, yet you do not leave it all to them. On the rising generation, patrons and parents, take more interest in our schools and visit them often and by your presence give the teachers more encouragement; ask them how your children are doing. Perhaps a few minutes talk with them will save trouble that years to come can never undo. Think about this and ask yourself if you are doing right.

Frederic Trunks.

How is your cold?
Miss Helen Smith is home from Bay City.

Mrs. Wm. Coombs is on the sick list.
Born To Mr. and Mrs. John Waltz, Feb. 1st a son.
Mrs. Charles Sullivan is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Vincent, at Lewistown.

While walking across the ice on the river, George Collins dropped through only getting a little wet. Great care was taken to prevent his taking cold.

The Epworth League gave their experience social last Friday evening, Feb. 8th.

Mr. R. Edmonds moved his family out by Chris Johnson's camp.

Miss Mary Callahan is on the sick list.

Mr. Fred Murray now occupies the old Spencer house.

Mrs. Dr. O'Neil is entertaining her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Murray from Richmondville.

Get your dinner at the opera house Feb. 22.

The Quarterly meeting will be held at the church two weeks from Saturday.

John Brady Jr. and Miss Sadie Bartlett were married at West Branch last week.

Mrs. Sullivan of Vanderbilt, was visiting her father, Mr. John Brady Sr. and sister Mrs. B. J. Callahan.

Mr. and Mrs. Horner returned south Monday.

A box social next Thursday evening for the benefit of J. Wallace, who returned from the hospital at Detroit last week.

A home without books, periodicals and newspapers, is like a house without windows.

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Program of Band Concert.

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Part First.

1. Overture, 'Fra-Diavolo' M. C. Meyrelles
2. Song, Selected
3. Mandolin Solo Prof. Grawn

Orchestra Accompany.

4. Violin Duet Prof. Clark and Miss Agnes Hanson.
5. Selection, 'Prince of Pilsen' G. Luters

Citizens Band.

Part Second.

6. Song, Selected, Miss Lalye Ohlson
7. Bell Solo 'In Dear Old Georgia' Orchestra Accompany.
8. 'Bon Amies' Duet for Cornet and Trombone
9. Solo, 'Mocking Bird' Prof. Clark and Miss Agnes Hanson.

10. Grand National Medley F. H. Losey

Piano Solo by Miss Evie Elrhart.

The piano used at this concert is a Grinnell Bros. Grand Concert Upright, furnished by their agent, T. C. Winton.

Miss Gladys Hadley, Pianist.

Round-up Farmers' Institutes.

The program for the 12th Annual Round-up Farmers' Institute, to be held at Iona, February 26 to March 1, is now being distributed and promises to afford much interest and profit to those who attend. The railroads and hotels offer reduced rates and arrangements have been made by local committee to entertain all who attend.

Among the speakers from other states are J. B. Hale, the "peach king" of Connecticut, who will speak upon, "Handling the Apple Orchard" and "The San Jose Scale and its Treatment." Mr. Hale has 400 acres of apple orchards and as he has fought the scale for many years is well qualified to speak on this subject and is by everyone regarded as an entertaining and interesting speaker.

Wednesday will be given up to farm crops, with special attention to the improvement and culture of corn. The leading speaker will be Prof. P. C. Holden of the Iowa Agricultural College, who is by every one regarded as the pioneer in calling attention to the possibilities of improving and increasing the yield of this crop.

The session on Thursday will be rendered especially interesting by the presence of Governor Warner who will preside and deliver an address upon dairying. Among the other speakers will be Prof. W. J. Fraser of the University of Illinois, who will speak in the forenoon upon "The Importance of Establishing an Efficient Dairy Herd," and in the afternoon on "Some Important Phases of the Dairy Feeding Problem." Friday will be devoted to topics relating to the breeding and handling of horses, cattle, sheep and poultry.

Among the speakers in addition to those mentioned above, will be Professors Smith, Shaw, Jeffery, Waterman and others from the Agricultural College and many of the regular institute lecturers will also be upon the program.

The handling of alfalfa, beans, potatoes, strawberries and other crops will be discussed. Forestry, good roads, rural schools, civic improvement and other questions will receive attention.

The Michigan Corn Improvement

Association will have its annual meeting at Iona on February 27, and is arranging for the largest and best corn show ever held in the state. The prizes offered will be worth nearly \$500.00. For a list of the premiums and rules relating to the exhibit, address O. E. Young, Care Michigan Farmer, Detroit, or L. R. Taft, Agricultural College.

A Letter from Washington.

The following letter from one old townsman, Chas. E. Marvin will be read with interest by his many friends as its tone indicates success.

Pasco, Wash.,
Feb. 3rd, 1907.

Editor AVANTAGE,

Dear Sir:

Inclosed find one dollar (\$1.00) for which please send me the AVANTAGE another year and change the address to Pasco.

Pasco has been building all winter. There are several residences being built and two or three brick buildings will be started as soon as the weather will permit and the contract has been let for one of them.

The N. P. Ry. are constructing a new and commodious depot and are building a 500 ft. addition to their ice house which is 600 ft. long now, making the building, when completed nearly a quarter of a mile long.

The R. R. Co. are so slow about handling our cars that we find it a difficult matter to get lumber enough to supply the demand.

We have had some cold weather, the mercury dropping to 10° below on the 17th of Jan. and 2° below on the 18th. Except those two days it has not been below zero, and one day it was 50° in the shade at noon, but the average temperature for January has been about 22°.

Yours truly,

CHAS. E. MARVIN.

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We have a few Ladies' Furs left that we will sell at 1-2 prices.

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Please look at the date after the address on this paper, and see if it is followed by a X. If so, your subscription is due, unless I have made a mistake in my book keeping. If I have, please notify me at once. If I am right send me your dollar. It will not be much to you, but 800 of them will be a lot to me and will make my creditors happy. I do not put it off, but do it NOW.

Band Concert tomorrow evening. Remember the Band Concert tomorrow evening.

Born To Mr. and Mrs. John Stephenson, Feb. 5, a son.

A good new milk cow for sale. Enquire at this office.

Go to C. J. Hathaway for scientific optical work. Eyes examined free.

Highest market price paid for hides. PYL BROS.

25 lb. pails of International Stock Food \$3.00 at Fournier's Drug Store.

One-fourth off on all Ladies' Muslim Underwear and Skirts, for thirty days at S. H. & Co's store.

Fine watch repairing done at Hathaway's.

Yesterday was almost like a June day, the mercury registering above 40°, and bright sunshine.

Mrs. John Lamm of Beaver Creek is on the invalid list for the last three weeks. Entirely lame.

Don't miss the Band Concert tomorrow evening. A fine program has been selected.

FOR SALE—Household furniture as good as new. Enquire of Mrs. Fred Hoestli.

A few Harrison sleighs left, light and heavy. Price low. Use them out. O. PALMER.

Sunday was a blizzard day, drifting the snow badly, the worst of the season.

Cold blizzards will cure your colds. For sale at Fournier's Drug Store.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next year's reading at once.

O. Palmer is attending the winter meeting of the Michigan Press Association this week.

Fresh butter and eggs just received from the country.

H. PETERSEN.

FOR SALE—A new milk-Jersey cow with her calf. Price \$30.00. Enquire at this office.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the AVANTAGE office.

To our advance-paid subscribers we will send the New York Tribune Farmer for 50 cents. Regular price \$1.00 and worth five to any progressive farmer.

Mrs. Louise B. Niles and Master Arthur came home from their school near Waters Friday evening, and returned through the snow drifts Monday morning.

John Balf, who was sentenced to from 1 to 5 years in Marquette at the last September term, for placing obstructions on the R. R. track near Cheney, has been transferred to the Prison for Criminal Inmate at Lonia.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A large dwelling house on the south side near the morning mill, in fine condition. Seven rooms. Come quick if you want a bargain. feb14-2y PAUL MILLER.

There will be a Democratic caucus at the town hall Thursday, Feb. 21st, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating delegates to attend the county convention.

One-fourth off on all Ladies' Muslim Underwear and Skirts, for thirty days at S. H. & Co's store.

At Miss Williams store commencing Monday, Feb. 4th, there will be a general sale of children's caps, baby hoods, Ladies' and children's hats, lace etc., at greatly reduced prices. Come and see. You may find just what you want at about half price.

Joseph H. Nichols of South Branch came near being left homeless by fire last week. The blaze caught in the roof, and but for the timely arrival of Joseph Murphy the place would have gone up in smoke. Lucky Joe.

It is reported that Frank Walker, of Lansing was killed last Thursday at Isadore Villard's camp in Maple Forest, by being run on by a sleigh load of logs. He leaves his wife and four children. The body was taken to his home for burial.

Michigan was the first state in the Union to establish a complete school system of its own.

In Michigan the path of education lies straight from the little red school-house through the University.

The Ladies' Union will meet with Mrs. O. R. Fikins, Friday, Feb. 15th, at 2 P. M. All the members come prepared to work.

Probate Judge Batterson is taking a vacation in Jackson. It is not in the stone building in the city, but visiting with old friends about the old home.

V. L. Richardson of South Branch is home from the sunny south. He finds a difference in the temperature, but likes it. His brother F. P. is not recovering from his illness as hoped.

If you want a Dinner Set absolutely free, call at the store of Salling, Hanson and Company.

A surprise party was held at the home of Miss Johanna Hanson, Sorenson's bookkeeper, last Thursday evening, and a jolly good time enjoyed by the happy crowd.

The firm of Salling Hanson & Co. is no more. It is now The Salling, Hanson & Co., (Incorporated) instead of the co-partnership as heretofore. There is no change of ownership or business in any way except as above.

The patriotic lectures of Rev. Frazer on Washington and Lincoln are highly commended by our citizens who were fortunate enough to be present. The service at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening was omitted that the members there might attend. The third lecture on McKinley will be given next Sunday evening.

V. Wm. Gordon, who enlisted for the U. S. Cavalry from this town and who is at present stationed at Fort Assiniboune, Montana, says in letter to a friend here that the mercury dropped down to 53° below zero one night with 25 to 35 degrees below most of the time during the day. Snow is from 3 to 4 feet on the level. Here.

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The enactment of the service pension bill, which includes every person who served ninety days in the civil war or sixty days in the war with Mexico, and which gives twelve dollars a month to every former soldier over sixty-two years of age, fifteen dollars to every widow over fifty years of age, and twenty dollars to every child over twenty years of age, will be cordially approved by the people of Michigan. It will be a pleasant memory for the girls and boys of today who are witnessing the path of the last march of the grand army of the republic, that these last days were marked by as generous recognition as possible of the service which preserved to them the union and the institutions which contribute to its greatness and mark it as peculiar.

A bill is prepared and will probably pass, to declare the man a felon who abandons his wife and children, and supports the obligation he assumed at the altar. The Wayne county poor commission is behind it, and its provisions have been recommended by that body. Significant features of which are providing imprisonment at labor for men offenders, the proceeds of the labor to go for the support of the neglected family, and authorizing superintendents of the poor to make complaint in such cases, so that complaint from the wife shall not be necessary to the proceeding. It is believed that such a law would have a salutary influence upon the offense of wife desertion, which has become of deplorable frequency. Another bill along this line has been introduced by Senator James H. Kinnane, of Dowagiac, which provides for a special class of offenders—those who contract marriage to escape prosecution, and then desert their wives. This peculiarly cowardly and conscienceless offense will become a felony, with imprisonment from one to three years, if Senator Kinnane's bill shall pass, as he believes it will.

The fire which damaged Laur Bros. building and stock was undoubtedly of incendiary origin. The elder Laur says that while they had a stove in the basement there had not been any fire in it for several days. He also says that one of the west doors were open when he went there in the morning and discovered the fire. They had about \$2,200 insurance on building and contents. The building was damaged considerably more than was at first supposed. The vast amount of water thrown into the basement damaged the foundation materially and four or five hundred dollars will be required to repair the damages. About 100 bushels of potatoes were in storage there, those owned by John Knox were insured. It was a very difficult fire to fight and six or seven of the firemen were overcome by the smoke and had to be taken out. Gaylord Times.

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath, Feb. 17th.

10.30 a. m. Preaching.

The pastor will preach a five minute sermon every Sunday Morning to the children.

11.30 a. m. Sabbath School.

6 p. m. C. B. Meeting. Topic—“An easy life versus a hard one.”

Mrs. Colter is the leader.

7 p. m. Preaching.

7 p. m. Wednesday evening, midweek prayer meeting.

All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Children and matches sometimes make a bad combination. Edward Sites little ones so figured them last Monday that a couch in the sitting room of their home was fired and ruined with considerable damage to wall paper and casings. The department was called out, but fortunately not needed.

Of the 836 degrees conferred by the University of Michigan throughout the year 1905, 371 were upon students in the literary department; 230 upon law students; 73 upon students in the medical and homoeopathic departments; 38 upon dental students; 97 upon engineering students; and 21 upon students in pharmacy. Six degrees were honorary.

Methodist Church.

Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m.

Sunday school and Epworth League at the usual hours.

In the evening the pastor, Rev. E. W. Frazer will give the last lecture in the series of patriotic lectures, “Our Three Great Americans.” Subject: William McKinley. Where this lecture has been given on a week-night as a paid lecture, the G. A. R. Post and Spanish war veterans, have been admitted free and given reserved seats. When given in Sunday school the late ex-Governor Bliss sat with the members of the Post in the front seats. Royal Arch Masons and others of the Fraternity find special interest in the deliberations.

The lectures are free, but a special offering will be taken for the incidental expenses of the church.

Prevent Colds and Rheumatism.

You do not have any natural easy movement of your joints, you are constantly getting your system to colds and rheumatism. Lazenby's Iron-Tonic Tablets form and strengthen the vessels, so that they do the work nature intended.

Lovell's Locals

No school Monday, as Miss. Husted, the teacher, was called to see her mother who is quite sick.

We are having some cold weather and fine sleighing. The Douglas Co. are hustling logs in and the mill is running full time.

Eggs are in good demand, and some hens are very indifferent as to the wants of the people, while others are improving the golden opportunity as good hens should.

The two brothers, Will and Alvin, have secured positions on the E. & P. M. R. R. as firemen.

Ed Wilcox arrived in town Monday. He is now working for the T. C. Douglas Co.

We hope to see Electric cars running through Lovell's coming summer.

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Warner's White Wine of Tar Syrup, the best cough remedy on earth, cures a cold in one day if taken in time. For sale at Central Drug Store.

The Grange.

Feb. 2nd the Grange met, though the day was bad, the attendance was fairly good. The lecturer announced the program for the next three meetings to wit:

Feb. 16, “The Cow vs the Hen as money makers.” Bros. Merrill and H. Schriber will champion the cow and Sisters Martin and Brott will tell of the good qualities of the productive hen.

March 2, How best to interest the boys in farm work so they will stay on the farm. Led by Sisters Funk, Merrill and Feldhauser.

Question Box. The questions to be discussed March 10.

A large amount of business was transacted and the necessary committees appointed for the seasons work. The Legislative committee is as follows: Perry Ostrander, chairman, J. J. Collen and S. B. Brott. Ex-officials Eliza Brott and David Martin.

They will be in close touch with the legislative committee of the state and National Grange and are prepared to take up any work that is of interest to the general public.

A Whole Family.

Rev. L. A. Dunlay, Mount Vernon, Mo., says: “My children were afflicted with a cough resulting from measles, my wife with a cough that had prevented her sleeping more or less for five years, and I Warner's White Wine of Tar has cured them all.” For sale at Central Drug Store.

Men are queer. Wouldn't there be a roar when a man went home to his meal this noon if he had to climb upon a high stool in front of a table on which there was a cloth and eat his meal in that position. Yet the majority of men when they go to a restaurant will pick out the high stool and the feed board in preference to the cloth covered table. A man will borrow a chew of tobacco and most of them will set their teeth into a plug, fight over where some other man should have a chew. Offer him a piece of pig at home from which his wife owns one of the children has taken a bite and he would holler his head off. At home he would not drink out of a glass from which one of the family has been drinking. Call him into the back stable of a livery barn, pull out a bottle and he will stoke the neck of the bottle half way down his throat in order to get a swig, after half a dozen or so follows half the neck of the same bottle in their mouths. A man is a queer duck. He is everlasting inconsistent.

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Is on the boom. Sales this year are 50 per cent greater than any former year. The people are beginning to realize that it is not necessary to pay a high price in order to get high quality coffee. That's the reason they are buying MO-KA. If you haven't tried it ask your Grocer.

High-Grade Low Price

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Cheap Freight Rates to all Western Points.

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Feb. 19, Mar. 5 and 19

Via the

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

“The Niagara Falls Route.”

COMPLETE INFORMATION will be furnished by Local Ticket Agent.

O. W. RUGGLES, General Passenger Agent.

Rising from the Grave.

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Fortwell, of Lucama, N. C., relates a most remarkable experience. He says: “After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's disease, in the Diabetes stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure me permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years.” Guaranteed at F. Fournier's drugstore. Price only 50c.

Coming Feb. 19th, Old Plantation Quartet. The high school was appointed in not being able to get the fifth number on the course last spring but have booked the “Old Plantation Quartet” at a higher price. They come highly recommended and it is hoped that they will please our people.

Neighbors got fooled.

“I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become very weak, leave my bed, and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for the thanks be to God, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four dollar bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health,” writes Mrs. Eva Unsapner, of Grovetown, Stark Co., Ind. This King of cough and cold cures, and healer of throat and lungs is, plain tested by L. Fournier, Druggist, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Methodist Protestant Church, Grayling, Mich. (south side). Pastor—R. H. Cunningham. Services as follows: Preaching 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath School, 12 m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend the above services.

Told in a few words.

Charles Casselton, of Cumberland, Wyoming, says he had the worst cough a man ever had and cured it in a few days with Dr. Warner's White Wine of Tar. For sale at Central Drug Store.

R. N. Holsapple, Assistant Superintendent of the Mich. Anti-Saloon League was in town Tuesday in the interest of their organization, to advance legislation toward better municipal control of the traffic. They have arranged for two addresses here: March 1st, in the M. P. church in the morning and in the Presbyterian church in the evening to present their aims and plans.

A Valuable Lesson.

“Six years ago I learned a valuable lesson by taking a full course of McLaughlin's New Life Pills, and the longer I take them the better I find them. They please everybody. Guaranteed at L. Fournier's, druggist 25c.”

\$100.00 Reward.

\$100.00 REWARD FOR THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF ANYONE CUTTING AND STRIPPING TIMBER FROM ANY OF OUR LANDS IN ROSCOMMON OR CRAWFORD COUNTIES, MICHIGAN. REPORT SAME TO CHARLES DWYAN, CO. AGENT OF ROSCOMMON OR MICHIGAN CENTRAL PARK COMPANY, 115 DRABORN STREET, CHICAGO.

Final Clearance Sale

of all winter wearables, and heavy weight goods.

We have just got through taking inventory and find that we still have more merchandise than we want to carry.

There is still two months of solid winter weather, and all goods are as desirable now, if not more so, than earlier in the season.

Your opportunity to buy strictly seasonal goods at tremendous saving. Every article of wearing apparel or winter weight goods, specially marked down.

Still Deeper Cut in Mens' Suits and Overcoats.	All-wool Blankets at 1-4 off regular prices
1-3 off on all Mens' Overcoats and Reefers.	Sheet Blankets, all sizes at 10 per cent. off.
1-4 off on all Mens' heavy weight Suits.	Comfortables \$1.25 \$1.50 \$2.00 and \$2.50 grades, at 1-4 off.
1-4 off on all Boys' Suits, Reefers and Overcoats.	Felt Shoes and Slippers, will be sold at cost.
1-3 off on all Ladies' Misses and childrens' Coats and Jackets.	Childrens' Bearskins Caps \$1.50 quality for \$1.00 \$1.25 quality for 79c 50 cents Fur for 35c
1-2 off on Ladies and Childrens' Furs.	

Ladies' heavy fleeced Underwear 50 cent quality for 35 cents.

Full Price for all Charged Goods.

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Drugs. Patent Medicines

Central Drug Store

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DR. HESS STOCK FOOD

A Scientific Compound for Horse, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

PRICES

Trial Package	.25
7 pound package	.50
12 pound package	.80
25 pound package	\$1.69
100 pound sack	5.00

Hess Poultry Panacea—a 25 and 50c per package. Bring us your Family Receipts. Prescription Work a Specialty.

J. A. MORRISON, Manager.

Candy. Cigars

Valentines!

Our new assortment of Valentines is most beautiful and complete.

We have them ranging in price from one cent upward.

Fournier's Drug Store.

LUCIEN FOURNIER, Proprietor.

THE EYES ARE THE WINDOWS OF THE SOUL

An old saying and pretty worded. What if your “windows” become bleared or cause you unnecessary headaches? It would be wise to consult C. J. HATHAWAY, Graduate Optician.

You may be in need of jewelry, or a watch, or your watch may need repairing. Quality always, and honest work is my aim.

C. J. HATHAWAY,

Graduate Optician, Watchmaker and Jeweler.

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BOMB KILLS JUSTICE.

ASSASSINATION OF A CONSCIENTIOUS OFFICIAL.

Motive of Sender of Fatal Package Believed to Be Revenge for Prosecution of Criminals—Athlete Lones Life by Winner.

Robert Cortese, a justice of the peace in Patterson, N. J., who has helped aid the police in the capture of Italian lawbreakers, was slain by a bomb which exploded in the room of an hotel machine sent to him by express. He died at midnight. Justice Cortese was 38 years old and of Italian descent. He had been home to supper. While he was there his son Robert, who was in charge of the office, received the fatal package, which came from Newark and was delivered by an American Express wagon. It had been prepaid and the boy accepted it and signed the receipt book. When Justice Cortese reached the office Robert handed the package to him. The outside wrapper was of paper, tied with string. Inside was another wrapper of paper, tied with string, which had been fastened with a string. Robert says he was watching carefully to see what the little box contained. His father received the package on the desk and pulled the end of the string toward him, so as to loosen the tongue of the buckle. The moment he did so there was the explosion. A hole six feet square was torn in the floor and the debris driven down into the cellar and into the street. The boy was hurled into a corner and seriously injured. Justice Cortese was thrown back by the force of the explosion and landed on his back. He was killed instantly. The bomb was a time bomb, which was set to explode at a certain time. It was a very simple affair, but it was very effective. The bomb was made by a man named John J. Williams, who was a member of the Italian-American community in Newark. He was a very quiet man, but he was very determined. He had been in the United States for many years, but he had never been able to get on his feet. He was always in debt, and he was always being chased by the police. He was a very desperate man, and he was very clever. He had been in the United States for many years, but he had never been able to get on his feet. He was always in debt, and he was always being chased by the police. He was a very desperate man, and he was very clever. He had been in the United States for many years, but he had never been able to get on his feet. He was always in debt, and he was always being chased by the police. He was a very desperate man, and he was very clever.

WINE ALCOHOL IN THE LIVER.

Man Stands on His Head 20 Minutes. Harry Nelson, an athletic young man from Athens, Ga., made a record in St. Louis, Mo., that he could stand on his head for twenty minutes, with his hands behind his head. The feat was successfully performed, but the winner cost himself his life. The next morning Nelson became unconscious and the coroner's jury found that the cause of death was the alcohol in the liver.

HERO RESCUED BY CHICAGOANS.

Save Engineer Who Stuck to Post When Locomotive Left. Refusing to leave his post at the throttle of his engine, Louis Wisman was killed under his wreckage. And seriously injured, when the locomotive and the first train coach of the Chicago & North Western left the rails at Forsyth Junction, Mo. George S. Pines and M. E. Pugh, both of Chicago, who were among the passengers, were the first to reach the engine and with difficulty rescued Wisman from under the wreckage.

Wanamaker Home Burned.

Lyndhurst, the handsome country home of former Democratic Senator John Wanamaker at Sheldahl, Ill., near Joliet, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$150,000. Mr. Wanamaker's home was one of the most beautiful and comfortable of Philadelphia suburban properties.

Burglars Get Old Coin.

Burglars forced their way into the public library in Omaha and robbed the valuable Byron Reed collection of many historical coins. The Byron Reed collection is the most valuable in the West. The burglar was surprised, bound and gagged. The loss has not yet been ascertained.

Greatest Dry Dock to Be Built.

The largest dry dock in the world, with stone and concrete basin big enough to hold any two of the battleships of the United States navy at one time is about to be constructed at Hunter's point by the San Francisco Dry Dock Company at a cost of \$1,250,000.

Rain Comes to Acid Region.

Rain in the Adirondack acid West is thought to be due to the filling up of the Salton Sea, and as a result the Legislatures of Utah and other Western States are preparing to petition the President not to check the flow of the Colorado River into the great accidental lake.

Killed in Fight Over Cards.

A fight over a game of cards played in the rear room of a saloon at Hiram, Minn., resulted in the killing of Mike Rubovina, an Austrian, by John Josic, his fellow countryman. Rubovina is said to have stabbed Josic with a knife, whereupon the latter shot and killed him.

Water Walker Wins Wager.

By walking 1,000 miles from Cincinnati to New Orleans on the water a man won a \$5,000 wager, arriving at the end of his journey forty-five minutes before the time limit of forty days expired.

Fire Causes Panic in School.

Fire in the Clarke public school building at Whitefish, Wis., caused the pupils to flee in panic. So far as known all the pupils escaped.

Five Shots Off Imprisoned Miners.

Seven miners are entombed in a cellophane of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company at Vancouver, Pa., and there is little hope of rescuing any of them, as fire broke out on the fourth lift of the shaft and the entombed men, who were caught in the lower lift, cannot be reached until the flames are extinguished.

Kaiser Will Visit Alfonso.

Kaiser Wilhelm, it is stated, is planning a visit to King Alfonso, to return the recent visit to Germany by the Spanish King. The Kaiser will go about the end of March, sailing on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern for a Spanish port.

Cars Run Wild; Twenty Hurt.

A Cleveland and Pittsburgh railroad work train engine, running at high speed, separated from its engine and twenty cars at Mingo Junction, Ohio. The engine stopped short and the cars, crashing into it, were thrown over an embankment. Nearly all the men were injured.

TRAIN HITS ELEVATOR.

Chicago Great Western Express Smashes Big Structure.

With three persons dead and twenty-five injured in the wreck of train No. 5, known as the "Evening Express," when it crashed into a grain elevator at German Valley, Ill., ninety-six miles from Chicago, and was almost completely buried in the debris of golden grain, train No. 2, carrying many of the injured to Chicago hospitals, crashed into a horse and buggy in charge of Mrs. Anna Zeigler, at North Glen Ellyn. The horse was instantly killed, the buggy demolished, while Mrs. Zeigler suffered fatal injuries. She was carried aboard the train and placed among the sufferers being hurried to Chicago. The wreck occurred in the early morning when train No. 5 was speeding at a rate of sixty miles an hour with nearly every one on board asleep. Ninety-six miles from Chicago it jumped the track and crashed into a grain elevator. The side of the huge building was literally ripped out and the grain poured downward, burying the wrecked cars. The dead included: Martin Cline, engineer; two mail clerks and an unidentified woman passenger. Several railroad employees in the baggage and mail cars were reported missing. They are believed to be buried under the thousands of bushels of grain which descended when the grain which jammed the elevator. The primary cause of the disaster was a wrecked freight car that stood on the main track. When the "Evening Express" reached the station ten miles to the east of German Valley, the engine ordered orders to pass the wrecked freight car by taking a switch at a siding a hundred yards to the east. When No. 5 reached the switch it is declared, it was run at high rate of speed. Instead of passing over to the siding the big engine jumped the tracks, crashing into the grain elevator.

GIRLS BRANDED WITH ACID.

Alpha Gamma Tau Initiates May Be Marked for Life. The calling of the family physician to treat Miss Hazel Reizner in Indianapolis for injuries received in initiation into the Alpha Gamma Tau society has developed the fact that the members of the initiated may be branded for life, because of the acid used by their fellow high school pupils. It appears that the candidates each were told to hold out their hands and were in charge of the initiation used a brush saturated with acid to mark the candidates' hands. A girl named Hazel Reizner also was branded about the wrist of the candidates. The letters A. G. T. on the back of the hands of Miss Reizner caused so much concern that a doctor was called in. Since then the girl has been under the care of a physician. Hazel Reizner, a member of the Alpha Gamma Tau society, was branded with acid on her hands and wrist. The acid was used by the members of the society to mark the candidates. The letters A. G. T. on the back of the hands of Miss Reizner caused so much concern that a doctor was called in. Since then the girl has been under the care of a physician.

TWO HUNDRED ARE FROZEN.

Terrible Record of the Blizzard's Work in the Northwest. Two hundred persons, according to conservative estimates, have lost their lives from snow and cold in the Northwest as a result of the extreme winter. The death toll may still be greatly swollen. It is just impossible to get news showing the full extent of the disaster. North Dakota is a State of vast distances. Last autumn many thousands of cattle and horses were driven into the State and many of them were killed by the blizzard. The blizzard was so severe that it was impossible to get news showing the full extent of the disaster. North Dakota is a State of vast distances. Last autumn many thousands of cattle and horses were driven into the State and many of them were killed by the blizzard. The blizzard was so severe that it was impossible to get news showing the full extent of the disaster.

100 SHOTS FIRED; 4 CAPTURED.

Indiana Officers Have a Desperate Fight with Alleged Holders. After a desperate night battle with a gang of four alleged thieves the police of Shelbyville, Ind., captured every member of the gang. One hundred shots were fired in the running revolver fight, and one man was wounded. The prisoners belong to an organization; it is said, which had preyed upon surrounding towns in Shelbyville and surrounding towns for months. The men and six dry goods boxes of articles believed to have been stolen were found at Acton.

Tom Lowry Gives to Lombard.

Thomas Lowry, president of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and St. Marie railroad, has donated \$100,000 to the Lombard University college at Galesburg, Ill. The sum donated by the president of the Twin City trolley lines and steam railroad man completed an endowment fund of \$100,000 which President Fisher of the college required.

Three Break Jail for Fun.

Simply to show that they could, Allen Neller, Harry White and William Eberhart, who are in jail in Western Ohio, made their escape from jail by cutting off the bars. The three got out of the steel cage and went down into another part of the building and gave themselves up.

Auto Crash Is Fatal.

Mrs. Stillman, wife of Dr. Frank L. Stillman of Columbus, Ohio, received injuries from which she died, and Dr. Stillman was severely hurt in a collision between an automobile in which they were riding and a street car. Mrs. Stillman's first husband was the late Congressman George L. Converse.

Death of Isabelle Urquhart.

Isabelle Urquhart, actress, who has been ill at the Homeopathic hospital in Rochester, N. Y., died suddenly of internal hemorrhages. Miss Urquhart was playing the part of Aurora with Arnold Daly in "How He Lied to Her Husband" when she was taken ill.

F. O. Briggs Chosen Senator.

The long fight in the New Jersey Legislature over the election of a United States Senator to succeed John F. Dryden was ended by the election of State Treasurer Frank O. Briggs.

Appear Together in Public.

The Duchess of Marlborough, her sons and the duke's mother appeared in public in London, giving the first formal and open evidence of the reconciliation of the duke and duchess.

Osar II, to Abrogate June 6.

Information from high sources declares that King Osar of Sweden intends to abrogate in favor of Crown Prince Gustaf June 6, which will be his golden wedding anniversary.

OPENS RULER'S EYES.

Eastern Potentate Astonished by United States.

Agan Khan Is Highly Pleased, After Having Heard Country Disparaged by Traveling Americans—Nogues Confesses Before Woman on Jury.

Agan Khan, an Indian potentate, whose title is Sultan Mohammed Shah, head of the Ismaili Mohammedans, sailed for England the other day after a tour of this country spent in studying economies. The aga said before sailing that he had been rather surprised at the wonderful things he had seen on this side of the Atlantic, but the Americans had not been able to convince him of the greatness of their country. "This country has been a source of great interest and delight to me," said he. "Those who speak against it to a great injustice, for it is a place of great possibilities and boundless resources." He declared that the free competition and freedom from interior taxes impressed him very much. "I have seen much wealth, but have seen very little poverty," Agan Khan is said to be the ruler of 2,000,000 Mohammedans.

KILLED IN BOSTON FIRE.

Department Store and Tenements Burn and One Death Results. A man was killed and at least three persons injured in a fire that destroyed the block occupied by Hunt Brothers department store, several tenements in Tremont street, in the Roxbury Crossing district of Boston, and caused a property loss upward of \$100,000. John Gold was overcome by smoke and died before medical assistance could reach him. Two of the injured persons were taken to the city hospital in a critical condition. They are Mrs. Kate Glass and her baby, only two days old. The fire department was hampered in reaching the scene by the huge showtrucks that blocked the city streets. Many thrilling rescues were made by police, firemen and members of the Slavonian Athletic Club, which was holding a meeting in the block at the time the flames were discovered. The blaze started in the department store, which occupied the first floor of the brick and wooden block that runs from Tremont street back to Columbus avenue. On the Tremont street side of the building the tenements were occupied by twenty families of about 120 persons.

TEN DIE IN SHIPWRECK.

Schooner Driven Ashore Off Cape Hatteras Goes to Pieces. A schooner which went ashore on Diamond shoals, off Cape Hatteras, last night, was driven ashore and went to pieces. The schooner was carrying a cargo of lumber and was bound for New York. The ship was driven ashore by a heavy sea and was broken in two. Ten persons were killed and several others were injured. The schooner was a small vessel and was not equipped for a voyage of this kind.

WOMAN ON JURY; CONFESSES.

Prisoner Pleads Guilty When Sprinkler Appeals on Panel. At Celina, Ohio, Judge Stephen Annstrong of the Common Pleas bench, was confronted with a woman who confessed to the murder of a man. The woman was a prisoner in the Ohio State Penitentiary and was being tried for the murder of a man. She pleaded guilty to the crime and confessed to the murder. The judge was surprised by the woman's confession and the fact that she was a woman on the jury.

CUBANS OPPOSE BIG ARMY.

Will Complain Magoon's Plan as Disproportionate to Population. The Cuban people generally are in opposition to the project to increase the armed force of the republic as set forth in the decree issued by Gen. Magoon. At first the moderates were disposed to approve the project, but now they oppose it. They believe that the increase in the armed force is disproportionate to the population of the country.

Kills Man to Save Cigarettes.

James A. Douglas, chief master at arms of the cruiser Tennessee, died at Philadelphia from the effects of bullet wounds inflicted by Harry Burke, a seaman. Burke, who had been arrested for intoxication, was being searched. Before his pockets were emptied he drew his revolver and fired, shouting: "I won't let you take my cigarettes from me."

Three Lost Lives in Fire.

Mrs. Richard Vaughn, wife of a saloonkeeper, lost her life in a fire in a saloon. The fire started in the saloon and spread to the other rooms of the building. Three people were killed and several others were injured. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the saloon.

Mrs. Thaw Tells Her Story.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, on the witness stand in New York, told the story of her life, relating the wrongs she suffered at the hands of Stanford White, the late and kindred of Harry Thaw, and the happenings of the fatal night on the Madison Square Hotel Garden when she was avenged by three pistol shots.

SIX LUXE LIVES IN A HUNT.

Six persons were drowned in Sacramento, Cal., when the draw of the railroad bridge across the Sacramento river and collapsed. The drowned are: Mrs. A. Jacinto and a Japanese woman and four Japanese men.

Death Circumstances Suspicious.

Mrs. Ida Blinge, a wealthy New York widow, died under suspicious circumstances and officials from the district attorney's office are investigating a report that she was poisoned.

Simpson Acquitted as Sinner.

The jury in the case of J. W. Simpson, the doctor charged with the murder of his father-in-law, returned a verdict of not guilty in Riverhead, L. I.

Corsets and Jeweled Banners.

Fathers-in-law at Washington declared that the fat men and jeweled waistcoat buttons for the "jewels" shall be in style in 1907.

MRS. THAW THE WOMAN IN THE LIMELIGHT, AND MRS. WHITE THE STRICKEN WIDOW, WHO HIDES HER SORROW FROM THE WORLD.



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MRS. STANFORD WHITE.

BATTLE FOR THAW'S LIFE.

Wife of the Millionaire Prisoner in Witness for Defense.

With the aid of Stanford White's murder by Harry Kendall Thaw established in their minds with the murder daily by their presence, self-possessed, unemotional, deeply interested in the movements of the machinery of law upon which his future so largely depends, dutiful and courteous to his mother, grateful to his wife, with the knowledge that the father of this prince of indolence and intemperance was a man of sufficient genius, industry and acumen to accumulate a fortune of \$100,000, that the mother has been for years a pillar of support in the social, religious and philanthropic circles of Pittsburgh; that the daughters possessed sufficient attractiveness of mind as well as of person to marry one of the best of the young men of the city, and that the mother, who was a woman of large business responsibilities, and that the prisoner himself was a man of sufficient genius, industry and acumen to accumulate a fortune of \$100,000, that the mother has been for years a pillar of support in the social, religious and philanthropic circles of Pittsburgh; that the daughters possessed sufficient attractiveness of mind as well as of person to marry one of the best of the young men of the city, and that the prisoner himself was a man of sufficient genius, industry and acumen to accumulate a fortune of \$100,000.

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The Best on Wheels.

For Sale and fully warranted by O. Palmer.

ABSORB THE POISON

PHYSICIAN TELLS OF QUALITIES OF "MADSTONES."

New Clay Pipe, Easily Procurable, as Good as Any—All Worthless When Venom Has Entered the Circulation.

Physicians are often asked whether there really is any virtue in what are called madstones. One of them, writing in the Medical Brief, declares that these stones are of value, but they would be of more value if their limitations were understood.

"There is no particular variety of stone or substance which may be designated exclusively as the madstone," he says. "I have seen many of them; so-called, and no two were of exactly the same composition, geologically considered."

"Madstones act on the same principle that a blotting paper does when absorbing ink, and there is nothing that makes a better one than baked pipe clay. A new clay pipe, procurable for one cent at nearly any store where tobacco is sold, can not be excelled by any madstone, no matter how great its reputation."

"The action can be clearly demonstrated by placing a common dry red brick in contact with the margin of a puddle of water, and watching what capillary attraction will accomplish. Therefore, to be efficient, the only necessity is for the stone to be porous and have strong adhesive and absorbent qualities. Nothing mysterious about it."

"I have seen several that appear to be concretions, either vesical, renal or biliary, and were found in the bladder, kidney or liver of some animal—those taken from the deer, supposed to be the best."

"When a person is bitten by a reptile or dog, supposed to be mad, and the porous stone applied to the wound, the blotting paper action begins, and the blood, saliva from the mouth of the animal and whatever poison these fluids contain will naturally be capillary attraction be absorbed by and into the substance applied, no matter what name you may give it."

"The saying that if a stone sticks the wound is poisonous, and if it does not take hold there is no venom present, is untrue. If the stone is clean and dry it will adhere when moisture is within reach till it becomes saturated."

"For instance, a new red brick will absorb one pint of water. After the venom has been taken into the circulation the madstone is worthless, but as the victim is usually filled with whisky or alcohol at the same time the stone is being used the spirits may counteract the effect of the poison."

"I know of a stone which has a wide reputation, and makes a good living for the family owning it. They never let it go out of their sight, and when the victim can not be taken to the stone one member of the family can be hired to take the stone to the victim. In addition to traveling expenses they charge \$5 for the application and \$2 extra for each hour that the stone sticks."

"This stone is busy a large part of the time. Not long since the stone held to a man's leg for over one hour, and the man was taken to the stone."

"Russia's Royalties."

During the last months of summer the Russian imperial family removed to the Cottage, a seaside palace, in the Alexander Park, at Peterhoff, on the Gulf of Finland.

The Alexander palace is a long, low, white building in the midst of a lovely park. Its beautiful private gardens are ablaze with flowers, and there are all sorts of surprises for the favored visitor. Here is a miniature fort, there different athletic apparatus, and a little garden with a stable and dear little garden round it, where the small grand duchesses experiment in house-keeping and gardening. When they are tired of that, some of amusement they can enjoy motoring, riding or driving in the long wooded avenue which surround the palace, says Home Notes.

Inside the great hall at Peterhoff there are fitted toboggan slides for bad weather; the palace is, indeed, hold-day house, and whatever cares the five children may have in the future, owing to their exalted position, their childhood is at any rate as happy as an apostle as that of their mother and little Princess "Sunny," as she used to be called.

"Had a Feeling of Curiosity."

"I was asked to find out when you would pay this little account," said the collector, pleasantly.

"Really?" answered the debtor, "I am unable to enlighten you. However, there is a southpaw in the next block who throws a fit and reveals the future at 50 cents a throw."

"I've no money to waste," growled the collector.

"Just add the 50 cents to my account," continued the other, "for I have a curiosity on the point myself."

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MADE STRONG PLEA

IRISHMAN'S STORY SOFTENED HEART OF MAGISTRATE.

Recollection of Boyhood Days the Cause of Michael Dalton's Departure From the Straight and Narrow Path, He Averred.

When Michael Dalton, who said he lived at 423 East Sixteenth street, was arraigned in the Yorkville police court on a charge of intoxication he begged Magistrate Breen to let him go "this once," says the New York Sun.

"I was only celebrating a trifle too much," he explained.

"If I remember rightly, you were here yesterday," remarked the court.

"Your honor's got a good memory," responded the prisoner.

"And you said yesterday that you were celebrating."

"That's right, too. It's the same celebration, but I've had enough."

"You had some friends from Skohan, where I used to live, when I came from the old country," Jim Hennessey was one of them, and he reminded me of the time old Hollister's bull kept me up the tree, and bedad, I had to take a few to forget it."

"I was after apples in Hollister's orchard one afternoon, and Hennessey and O'Toole were with me. We went over the stone wall and I climbed a tree and shook down the finest apples in the orchard, while the other two filled a bag with them. Old Hollister said that stings he wouldn't give an apple to any one. The bag was nearly full when we friends made a run for the stone wall and got over it as though the devil was after them. I didn't know what was up until I seen Hollister's brute bull come tearing down under the tree."

"Then I remembered that the farmer kept the bull instead of a dog to watch the orchard, and it showed his good sense. The bull looked up at me as I started to get down, and there was something in his look that made me stay where I was. I waited for him to go, and he waited for me to come down. O'Toole and Hennessey, on the other side of the wall, tried to coax and to drive the beast away, but not one inch would he stir from under the tree."

"When night came the va'sabond was still there and waiting for me, but it was as much as my life was worth to face him. So I had to stay. In the tree, I had been out to a dance the night before, and my eyes were heavy with sleep."

"I was afraid to go to sleep in the tree, for I might tumble down, and the beast would get me. But, sorra the bit could I get down. I was as much as my life was worth to stay. I waited for him to go, and he waited for me to come down. O'Toole and Hennessey, on the other side of the wall, tried to coax and to drive the beast away, but not one inch would he stir from under the tree."

"The dog thought the bull was afraid so he goes up and nips him on the nose. That made the big beast mad, and he chased the dog a small bit."

"That was my chance for salvation. I thought, and I took it, jumping from the tree I ran for the wall. The bull saw me and came after me, the dog after him. How I got over the wall ahead of the horns was more than I could do to-day, but over I got in time."

"It was the memory of those lively times that made Hennessey and me self take a few extra drinks."

The magistrate let him go again.

Prodigal Up to Date.

A well-known contractor of a town not far from Boston has a son, still under 20, who has been running away from home ever since he attained his twelfth year. The father has many times been called upon to fetch the young lad back from remote points, and none of the hard-luck propositions the boy has faced has taught him a permanent lesson, probably for the reason that he has always found it too easy a matter to get home by simply telegraphing his father for the price of a ticket.

He went away again two months ago, and his father didn't hear from him until recently when the contractor got a dispatch dated Hastings, Neb. The message ran:

"Am on the hog—Wife me \$79 for a ticket home."

The desperate father went to the telegraph office, got a blank, and wrote this concise reply:

"Eat the hog."

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Amount necessary to redeem, \$45.22 plus the fees of the sheriff.

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See Town Range Amptd for year 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$53.68 plus the fees of the sheriff.

Ausable Ranch & Development Co., By C. F. Underhill, Treas.

Place of business, Judge P. O. Mich. Dated July 14, 1906.

James H. Pearson, Chicago, Ill., mortgagee named in all undischarged recorded mortgages.

OFFICE OF SHERIFF OF CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Grayling, Mich., Aug. 21, 1906.

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Amount necessary to redeem, \$21.80 plus the fees of the sheriff.

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Amount necessary to redeem, \$55.76 plus the fees of the sheriff.

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